

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/714,901	FUKUDA ET AL.
	Examiner Davienne Monbleau	Art Unit 2878

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the Examiner's amendment attached herein.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 13,14,16-19,21 and 22.
3. The drawings filed on 16 November 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT OF REAONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed on 3/5/04 has been entered. Claims 13 and 18 have been amended.

Claims 13-22 are pending.

The Applicant's arguments filed on 3/5/04 have been carefully considered and found persuasive in light of the corresponding Examiner's Amendment. In particular, the Applicant argues that the cited prior art of record (*Kitamura*) does not teach that the hole is formed opposite to the holding member, wherein a side of the base is exposed to the outside of the case. Rather, *Kitamura* teaches in Figures 22 and 23 that a side portion of the base member (20) protrudes through an outer casing (11) and that the case (20) provides a means for fixing a laser (1) to a fixing board (35). There is no separate hole in the case (11), other than the side opening, that exposes a bottom part of the base member (20) to provide heat removal.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Hank Steckler on 4/26/04.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 13, line 6: INSERT -- opposite the holding member -- after "the case".

Claim 13, line 7: INSERT -- bottom -- before "part of the base member".

Claim 13, line 8: INSERT -- to provide heat removal -- after "outside of the case".

Claim 15: CANCEL

Claim 18, line 9: INSERT -- opposite the holding member -- after "the case".

Claim 18, line 10: INSERT -- bottom -- before "part of the base member".

Claim 18, line 11: INSERT -- to provide heat removal -- after "outside of the case".

Claim 20: CANCEL

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 13, 14, 16-19, 21 and 22 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the cited prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest a semiconductor module comprising, along with the other claimed features, a hole formed in the case opposite the holding member for communicating with the outside of the case and exposing a bottom part of the base member to the outside of the case to provide heat removal.

Conclusion

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Davienne Monbleau whose telephone number is 571-272-1945. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Porta can be reached on 571-272-2444. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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